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In re Application of:

TAKAYUKI TSUKIMOTO

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
10/044,936	01/15/2002	Unassigned (Pending)

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. applications is enclosed.

REMARKS

JP '376 is discussed on page 4 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

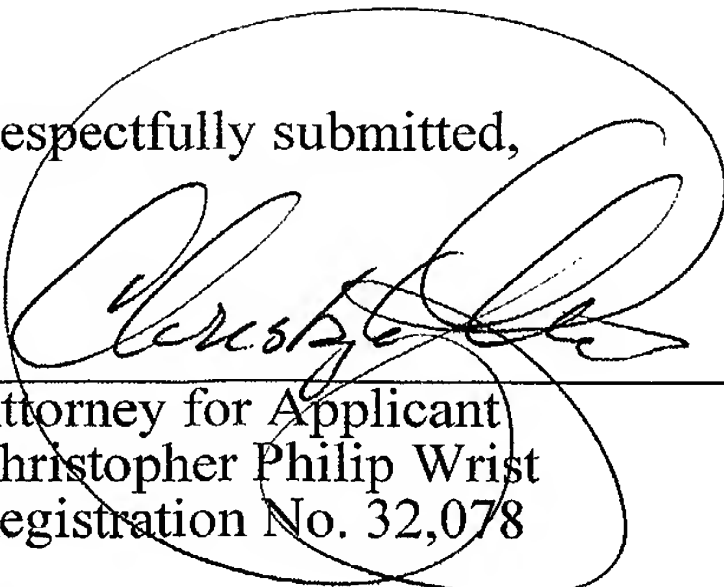
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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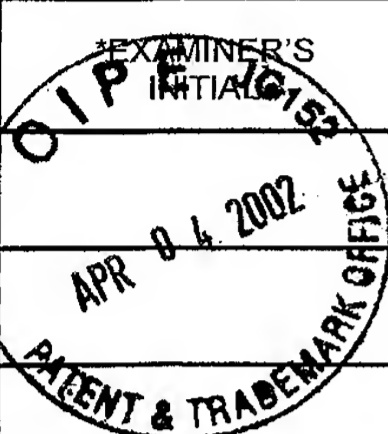
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		4,752,711	06/1988	Tsukimoto et al.			
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		5,004,964	04/1991	Kataoka et al.			
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		5,298,829	03/1994	Tsukimoto et al.			
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		5,359,251	10/1994	Tsukimoto et al.			
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2001-145376	05/2001	Japan			Abstract

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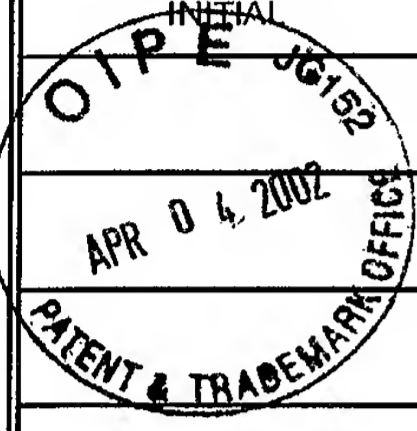
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